

Instructions for Determining if a Sarasota County Property is in a Scrub-jay Protection Zone

- 1) Go to the Sarasota County website: www.co.sarasota.fl.us.
- 2) This is the County's main webpage. On the left-hand side of the screen there is a column titled **Conduct Business**, and one of the choices about half way down the list is **Maps**. Click on this link.
- 3) This takes you to the Sarasota County Interactive Map Center. Click on the top link in the left column titled **Property Look Up Map**.
- 4) A new window will open with three "panes" the largest of which is a map that may take a few minutes to draw. You will see the words "Retrieving Map" flashing on the screen as the map is drawn. Depending on your internet connection speed, and the amount of traffic using the County's website, this may take a few moments. Once the map is drawn, you will see the county highlighted in yellow, with red splotches indicating the locations of the scrub-jay areas. If you know the exact location of your property, you can zoom in the map by using the cursor to draw a box around your property, and the map will zoom into that location. But the easiest method is to use one of the two **Find** tools on the left side of the screen.
- 5) Select either the **Street Address** or **PID - Parcel ID** links, enter the requested information, and press the Find button.
- 6) The information in the left side of the screen will change to show specific details about the address or property. Additionally, the map will also update by zooming into the chosen lot.
- 7) What you are now looking at in the main map window is an aerial photograph of your lot and the surrounding area. Your lot will be highlighted in yellow. If the map is shaded red, this means that your property will likely require an additional permit to address scrub-jay issues in order to obtain a building permit for your lot (see the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website for information on how to do this: <http://verobeach.fws.gov>).
- 8) If you wish to see a clearer view of your property, click on the Layers button in the blue area on the left side of the screen. This will bring up a list of data layers with check boxes next to them. Remove the check mark from the box next to the **Scrub-jay Habitat** layer, and press the **Refresh Map** button below the bottom of the list. You may also have to remove the check next to the **Parcel** layer to be able to see the aerial photo clearly.